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In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action of July
18, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect Group I (i.e., Claims 1-17 and 22), with traverse.

Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications in the future in
connection with the non-elected groups.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, she is
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